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Applicants: Walker *et al.*  
Application No.: 09/685,079  
Filed: October 6, 2000  
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A SECURITY  
DEPOSIT FACILITATES A TRANSACTION IN WHICH A  
BENEFIT IS APPLIED IN EXCHANGE FOR PERFORMANCE  
OF A TASK

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Group/Art Unit: 3627  
Examiner: Steven B. McAllister

*Request for Continued Examination (RCE)  
Pursuant to the Following Submission of an*

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
to the Final Office Action mailed January 26, 2006**

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 26, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.